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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical
Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I drive more than 65,000 miles a year, most of it in a heavy duty vehicle, traveling between coal mines in eastern Kentucky that are owned and operated by my company. I drive across mountains, through hollows, in places where mud is generally present all the time, and where the need for communication is a constant. Emergencies occur with great frequency, and more often than not, we have more difficulty communicating the nature of those problems than any part of dealing with them.

Now I have learned about a new technology called LIGHTSQUARED, which has the capacity to alleviate the problems of high hills and deep valleys because of its satellite/terrestrial capability. Unfortunately, I have also learned of the GPS industry's frenzied efforts to deny LIGHTSQUARED'S application to enter the cellular business.

Since I rely on both technologies, I can write with some authority on the subject. Both are needed, and neither should be able to deny the other's ability to exist. Rather, a plan of co-existence can and should be developed. It is my

understanding that LIGHTSQUARED has proposed many alternatives to such co-existence, but that the GPS industry has adopted a "scorched earth" policy and is lobbying to keep LIGHTSQUARED out at all costs. That's not fair and is certainly detrimental to the needs of rural America.

I urge you and your colleagues to ignore the GPS industry's hysterical "knee-jerk" reaction to this situation and grant LIGHTSQUARED'S application to do business. In my opinion a good, dependable cellular system, which we've always been promised but never had in eastern Kentucky, is vital to this area's growth. It most certainly is vital to my company's good health and will save lives as our ability to communicate emergencies becomes better.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Fields", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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